measures and programmes, which are multi-dimensional and cross-cutting, after an in-depth analysis of the problems faced by them, with particular reference to the problem of youth unemployment, suggesting measures to identify, encourage and build up the capacity of talented youth in the North-Eastern Region.

2. To review existing youth related schemes and programmes implemented by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports as well as by other Ministries/Departments of the Government of India with particular reference to their potential for employment generation and to recommend measures to make them more effective and increase their outreach and coverage in line with Government thinking to cover the entire youth population with one or the other Youth Programme such as NCC, TA, NSS.

3. To conceptualise a frame-work for coordination of youth related activities of State Governments, Ministries/Departments of the Government of India, NGOs and the private sector and to recommend measures for convergence.

4. To look into the recommendations of the Working Groups on Adolescents set up by the Planning Commission and suggest specific intervention strategies for catering to the needs of this group.

5. To suggest measures for the implementation of the Plan of Action of the new National Youth Policy.

6. While framing its recommendations, the Commission shall be guided by a realistic assessment of the resources that can be made available by the Government.

**Assistance to Delhi Lawn Tennis Association**

2922. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have allocated Rs. 2.5 crore to Delhi Lawn Tennis Association, for development of tennis infrastructure for the tennis events of proposed Afro-Asian Games;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the tennis infrastructure would be developed at SAI centres with the same money or at lower expenses; and

(d) if so, whether SAI centres were approached for that; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI P. RADHAKIRISHNAN): (a) and (b) Government, through Sports Authority of India (SAI), had sanctioned Rs. 100.50 lakhs to the All India Tennis Association for the following purposes:—

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| 1. Infrastructure upgradation work | —Rs. 23.50 lakhs |
| 2. Upgradation of Health Club & Gymnasium | —Rs. 5.00 lakhs |
| 3. Installation of 6 Synthetic Tennis Surfaces | —Rs. 48.00 lakhs |
| 4. Provision of lights in the Tennis Courts | —Rs. 14.00 lakhs |
| 5. Provision of scoreboards and speed gun, etc. | —Rs. 10.00 lakhs |

So far, SAI has realesed Rs. 90.50 lakhs to the All India Tennis Association.

R.K. Khanna Stadium has international standard Tennis Courts where Davis Cup matches are played. After inspecting the infrastructure facilities at R.K. Khanna Stadium, the delegates of Asian and African Tennis Federation

approved holding of tennis events of the Ist Afro-Asian Games at this venue. Accordingly, on the recommendations of IOA, Government approved R.K. Khanna Stadium as a venue for Lawn Tennis competition for the Ist Afro-Asian Games. Hence, upgradation works of the existing infrastructure was taken up.

(c) and (d) The allocation of funds was for the upgradation of existing infrastructure for Tennis competition of international standard for the Afro-Asian Games, 2001 and not for the development of new Tennis facilities.

**Repair of Indira Gandhi Stadium**

2923. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than one crore was spent on repair of the leaking roof of Indira Gandhi Stadium in the past;

(b) if so, whether the roof is still leaking, with no permanent solution;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Government have allocated a further amount of Rs. 50 lakhs for the same, for preparations of Afro-Asian Games; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI P. RADHAKIRISHNAN): (a) Yes, Sir. Rectification work of the Indira Gandhi Stadium for an amount of Rs. 1.1. crore was entrusted by the Sports Authority of